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REMARKS

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1. On 26 May 1953, the Trost Kaserne, Vienna, was occupied by a guard detail, and by another detail probably for interior guard duty in Vienna. <sup>1</sup>
2. On 27 May, the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89) was vacant. No sentries were observed. <sup>1</sup>
3. On 23 May, only a few soldiers were seen at the Hyrtl Orphanage in Moedling (O 49/X 37). No motor vehicles were observed. Except for three propped-up trucks, the garages at the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse were empty. <sup>1</sup>
4. On 22 May, 1 jeep and 2 sedans                      driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstattg, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The Eugen Kaserne appeared to be vacant. About 40 EM armed with rifles did close-order drill in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne. Two sidecar motorcycles, 5 trucks and 1 tank truck were seen at the installation. Other motor vehicles were propped-up in the various garages. Some soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Franz Josef Kaserne. The long-wire antenna was shifted to the southern end of the north-south garage with a wire leading to a radio truck standing in this garage. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.                      jeep                      sedan                      tank truck                      and trucks                      were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. <sup>1</sup>
5. On 22 May, Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Only 10 trucks and 2 weapon carriers were observed at the installation. Other vehicles seen included jeeps                      and trucks                      All                      vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. <sup>1</sup>

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6. On 21 May, 2 field grade officers with black-bordered red epaulets, 2 field grade officers with red-bordered black epaulets, several EM, 4 SU-76, 18 trucks and 1 jeep were observed at the former Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Cehling (O 40/W 26). Trucks [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the installation. Compared with the previous occupation, only a small number of motor vehicles and a few soldiers were observed at Mauer Cehling. [ ] the bulk of the troops had left the post. [ ] several small troop shipments were dispatched from Mauer Cehling about late April. <sup>2</sup>
7. On 21 May, two majors of the medical service, several nurses, and EM with red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). Jeep [ ] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was parked in front of the installation. A colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, coming from the hospital, left with the jeep toward Mauer Cehling.
1. [ ] Comment. The small number of troops at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna was previously observed [ ] The report that the former Pioneer Kaserne in Hainburg was vacant in late May 1953, together with the observations in Moedling, indicates that the 15th Gds RL Bn, carried in Hainburg during the winter, and units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, stationed in Moedling, moved to a summer camp, probably the Doellersheim troop training grounds. A similar movement of the bulk of the 13th Gds Mecz Div was previously observed. [ ]
2. [ ] Comment. The observations at St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern are identical with a previous report [ ] The small number of troops left in Mauer Cehling indicates that elements of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt stationed in Mauer Cehling also moved to a summer camp, possibly the Doellersheim troop training grounds, or left the post for field exercises or firing practice.

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